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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 2952

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ARREST OF "EXTREMISTS" ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR 11 APRIL
BOMBING OF AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE BUILDING KUWAIT.

REF: A. DAMASCUS 2584

1. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ISSUED STATEMENT JULY 13 ANNOUNCING ARREST
IN KUWAIT OF SEVERAL (PRESS ACCOUNTS VARY FROM 3 TO 12) INDIVIDUALS,
ALL NON-KUWAITI, ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR 11 APRIL AMERICAN LIFE
INSURANCE BUILDING BOMBING. SUSPECTS, WHO ARE REPORTEDLY JORDANIANS,
PALESTINIANS, AND LEBANESE, ALL ALLEGEDLY ADMITTED MEMBERSHIP IN
ARAB COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION (ACO) AND CONFESSED ROLE IN BOMBING
INCIDENT.

2. ACCORDING NEWS ACCOUNT, SECURITY AUTHORITIES RAIDED APARTMENT
OF THE GROUP AND DISCOVERED ASSORTMENT OF WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES,
CAMERAS, RADIOS AND DUPLICATING MACHINES. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
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CLAIMS THAT INVESTIGATION OF GROUP'S ACTIVITIES IN KUWAIT ARE

CONTINUING IN AN EFFORT TO SMOKE OUT ALL CONNECTED WITH IT.

3. WE NOTE ARRESTS FOLLOWED QUICKLY ON SYRIAN WRAP-UP OF ARAB
COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION MEMBERS IN DAMASCUS AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT
TIP-OFF TO KUWAITIS OF EXISTENCE OF ACO CELL HERE (REFTEL A).
BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED TO US SEPERATELY THAT KUWAITI
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ACTED IN THIS INSTANCE ON BASIS OF INFOR-
MATION IT HAD RECEIVED FROM SYRIANS.
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